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A JOINT MEMORIAL
REQUESTING THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION ADMINISTRATION TO CONVENE
A TASK FORCE TO STUDY WORKERS' COMPENSATION PRACTICES AND FEE
STRUCTURE.

WHEREAS, the state of New Mexico contracts with many
private, not-for-profit agencies to deliver an array of health
and human services; and

WHEREAS, agencies providing health and human services
often have limited funding available to meet programmatic needs
and personnel costs; and

WHEREAS, workers' compensation premiums have dramatically
increased in recent years, resulting in financial hardship for
agencies providing health and human services; and

WHEREAS, agencies providing health and human services may
be assigned to the workers' compensation high-risk pool with

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1 significantly higher costs, further jeopardizing fiscal
2 solvency for these agencies; and

3 WHEREAS, nonclassified employees and subcontractors may
4 have been erroneously classified, resulting in increased
5 premiums;

6 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
7 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the workers' compensation
8 administration be requested to convene a task force to study
9 workers' compensation practices and fee structures; and

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force include
11 representatives of the insurance division of the public
12 regulation commission, the department of health, the children,
13 youth and families department, the human services department,
14 not-for-profit community-based providers of developmental
15 disability services, providers of disabled and elderly
16 services, providers of mental health services and other health
17 and human service programs; and

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force report its
19 findings and recommendations to the interim legislative health
20 and human services committee by its October 2006 meeting; and

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
22 sent to the workers' compensation administration.